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Jerry W. Ward, Jr., distinguished scholar and professor of English and African World Studies at Dillard University, will present his annual lecture on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in DUICEF Hall, Room 106. The topic is "Constructing African-American Literary History." The lecture is sponsored by Dillard University's Division of Humanities and the Division of Social Sciences. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Ward is currently co-editing the forthcoming *Cambridge History of African-American Literature* with Professor Maryemma Graham, University of Kansas. Dr. Ward is also a Richard Wright scholar, and has a central role in planning the Richard Wright Centennial 2008. Throughout 2007, Dr. Ward will conduct monthly discussions of Wright's work in Natchez, Mississippi.

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